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# The Anchor



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## MEMORIAL ADDRESS BY DR. F. F. SHANNON

DELINEATES "THE SOUL OF  
THE PILGRIM" IN RELIGION,  
FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY.

Ter-Centenary of Landing of Pilgrims Observed Under Auspices of Trinity Church

The citizens of Holland had the rare privilege during the past fortnight of hearing Dr. Shannon of Central Church, Chicago. The occasion was dedicated to the purpose of reminding the modern American of the heritage which the Pilgrim fathers bequeathed to him, and to arouse a more zealous devotion to their principles. Mr. Shannon is an American of those qualities of mind and soul so ably suited to the bringing of the proper message. Of him Dr. Cadman, America's foremost divine, says this: "He is one of the most accomplished and best preachers of the younger generation."

Rev. C. P. Dame, pastor of the church thru whose agency Dr. Shannon was brought to the city, introduced Dr. Dimment who in turn introduced Mr. Shannon.

At the outset the speaker considered the geographical facts which cluster about the final exodus of the Pilgrims from England. Beginning at the small village of Scrooby, England, he traced them to Amsterdam, Leyden, Delftshaven and other Dutch towns in which they lived. But they were Pilgrims and yearned after a land to which God seemed to call them. So they returned to England and thence to America. That silent band, true to the inmost of their living, noble beyond our limited conceptions of nobility, crossing in those frail barks an uncharted sea, did not fall headlong into the Temple of Noise, but with majestic stride entered the Temple of Truth which is the Holy of Holies of the Hall of Fame.

In analyzing the Soul of the Pilgrim (for that was the subject of his discourse) he emphasized three words to which the Pilgrims had given an enriched meaning. These words were Religion, Freedom, Integrity. This marked their transcendency. They were not seekers after gold as were the first immigrants of our sister continent. They sought for a direct communication between their conscience and God. For this they sacrificed, and because of this they are eternally glorified among the sons of men.

And so it was freedom which they needed and created upon this continent. And what they sought for themselves they also sought for others. They had faith in man as well as in God. They builded better than they knew.

Souls destined to overlap the vulgar lot,  
And mould the world unto the scheme of God,  
Have a foreconsciousness of their high doom.

While they had no conception of a mighty nation rising from the foundations which they laid, yet they were tremendously conscious of their duty toward posterity in that awful task of 'moulding the world unto the scheme of God'.

All this demanded integrity,—a frank and clear-eyed honesty and faith in each other. This they had. For a true faith in God always culminates in just faith in one's fellows. The fact that during the past war 25,000 new millionaires were created is not cause for boasting

### MILESTONE

Have you made arrangements for your Milestone picture? If not, it will be to your advantage, and will aid the staff greatly, if you do so as soon as possible. If you wish to keep the same picture you had last year notify Mr. Lacey. If your picture was taken by Mac Dermand of Zeeland, make arrangements for him to give you a full gloss print, and bring it to Mr. Lacey. New pictures will be taken at reduced prices after January 1. If you have any snapshots, campus views, etc., turn them in to Miss W. Schnooberger.

### G. RAAP ASSISTANT IN U. OF CINCINNATI MEDICAL SCHOOL

In the Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine, numbers of August and October, are two interesting articles outlining some recent work of Gerard Raap, '16. At present he is holding a position as Assistant in Pharmacology in the University of Cincinnati and it was in these laboratories that the experiments were conducted. The first was the development of a better form of etherizing apparatus and the other an investigation of the physiological action of salvarsan. We are always glad to hear the graduates are making good and rendering real service in whatever profession they have chosen.

### MRS. DEMAREST GIVEN HOUR TO ADDRESS STUDENT BODY

During the fourth hour on Wednesday, Nov. 23, the Student Body was given an opportunity to hear an evangelist of more than local reputation, one whose experiences are not confined to the boundaries of any two or three countries, but one who has worked in many nations of the world, Mrs. Victoria Booth-Clibborn Demarest. As her name suggests, she is the grand-daughter of the late General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army. She, however, is not affiliated with that organization; she is, rather, carrying on an independent work in various cities of the country, more in the nature of a spiritual revival movement.

She is a forceful speaker, presenting everything in a logical way that completely convinces. Her personality is a great factor in the success of her work. One cannot but appreciate the extreme conviction that is evidenced in every word she expresses. There is a feeling of assurance, that in her own life, there are no irreconcilable elements to the doctrines that she presents.

It was an inspiration to hear her, and one could not help being strengthened in his determination to love and serve the Master better.

when the cost of war is reckoned in human lives. If the super-structure of our nation's building ever shows signs of deterioration, the careful onlooker will find that building stuff which holds together the individual bricks is of a worthless variety. The integrity which should have been fine and fair was not thus, and the building's decay was inevitable.

In closing, Dr. Shannon plead for a very practical and every day return to the Pilgrim's faith in the Absoluteness of God, the divinity in every man, and the honest devotion to duty, knowing that 'the road to greatness lies in the path of duty'.

The speaker spoke with customary eloquence, which satisfied the expectations of the very large audience.

### BASKET BALL—BASKET FRATERNAL ALUMNI, ATTENTION

Friday night will be the genesis of Hope's 1920-21 Basket Ball season. This is our favorite athletic contest, so the first game ought to be a rallying point of all the pep we have saved up for the past few weeks. If you haven't secured your Athletic Association Membership ticket as yet, be sure and sign up with Pluggery before the Basketball season opens.

Our first worthy opponents will be the Lowell American Legion. This team consists of former high school stars, most of whom have seen service overseas. They are in the game this year to win every game they play. The fact that we are in the game with the same purpose does not change matters for them. Let's come out and show Jack and Dickie and the rest of the gang that we've got the pep.

And then don't forget the mass-meeting.

### "A"—"B" CONFLICT STAGED A FOOTBALL GAME Fray Ends 0-0

Tuesday, Nov. 23 found the "A" and "B" classes of the prep facing each other on the 19th street grounds. Altho the field was in poor shape from the recent snows the two teams played fast ball.

First Quarter—

Tebo kicked off for the "B's." The "A's" headed for the east goal. Kinney made some very good gains for the A's; the line was right there when it came to opening holes for the back field. The quarter ended with the A's carrying the ball in the center of the field.

Second Quarter—

The quarter opened with a rush, the A's carrying the ball to their opponent's six yard line where they had to stop for time.

Third Quarter—

Kuiper sent the ball spinning down the field the B's being headed for the east goal posts. The B's first showed their real form in this period as they did not stop for anyone. The period ended with the A's in possession of the ball in the middle of the field.

Fourth Quarter—

It was in the last period that the A's resorted to their aerial attack but it did not work. The B's took possession of the ball on the A's 40 yard stripe. A pass from Elenbaas to Tebo netted 20 yards for the B's. The A class line started work and soon they had the ball and carried it to the center of the field when the final whistle blew.

Tebo and Nyboer were the ground gainers for the B's while Kinney and Veldman did the starring for the A's.

Score by Quarters—

A.....0 0 0 0—0  
B.....0 0 0 0—0

The Line-up was as follows—

A	B
Zwemer	R. E. Yntema
Hogeboom	R. T. Bruinix
Thoms	R. G. Smith
Sterenber	C. Loomans
Stegeman	L. G. Mulder
Huff	L. T. Nelson
Keizer	L. E. Boersma
Kuiper	Q. Elenbaas
Veldman	L. H. Kypers
Geegh	R. H. Tebo
Kinney	F. Nyboer

Referee—Japinga; Umpire—Hakken; Head Linesman—Hoek. Substitutions—Veldman for Kinney, Keizer for Veldman, Stegeman for Keizer, Dykstra for Stegeman, Huysen for Dykstra.

We're Out to Win in Basket Ball—Let's Go!

The Fraternal Society will hold its annual Stag on December 29, 1920, in the Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan. We wish to make this a real Frater Reunion. Will you be there? Reservations may be secured from the secretary; these must be in not later than December 23, and earlier if possible. The secretary's address is

John B. Vander Ploeg,  
275 E. 16th St. Holland, Michigan.

Holland, Michigan, Nov. 13, 1920  
The Student Council of Hope College:—

On behalf of mother and the family, I wish to convey to you our appreciation of your generous sympathy in the trying hour of our bereavement.

Sincerely yours,  
Theodore O. Yntema.

### THANKSGIVING AT VOORHEES.

The spirit of Thanksgiving evidenced itself at Voorhees Hall in very fitting manner on the Tuesday evening preceding Thanksgiving Day. Dinner was served at six to one hundred college folk and their invited guests. It was an occasion which had been waited upon with hungry anticipations and expectations and if one may judge correctly from circumstantial evidence and appearance, all anticipations were rather gloriously lived up to. Indeed 'twas a banquet scene of utmost splendor, the fair ones prettily gowned, the more reliable sex, less in number, therefore, held in high honor, ennobling the festive scene. As guests of the evening were entertained Dr. Shannon of Chicago, Mrs. Fenton of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Diekema, Mr. and Mrs. A. Visscher, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dame, Dr. E. D. Dimment and Dr. J. B. Nykerk. After dinner had been served Dr. Shannon and Mr. G. J. Diekema addressed the company with short toasts.

### COLLEGE LEAGUE BASKETBALL

League basketball, which proved so successful last year, is again to be revived. Plans are well under way, and various teams have been selected which will correspond to the Grave Diggers, Chicken Pickers, Corn Huskers, etc., of old. These teams have been chosen with the idea of making them as evenly balanced as possible; so that none will have an advantage. More teams will be formed if there is a great enough demand, so hand in your name to Director Schouten if you have not already signed up. Dates have been posted, and the first clashes will be pulled off this week.

A dinner is being planned for the members of the team whose average is the highest for games won, at the end of the schedule. For this reason each member of the league is assessed the small sum of ten cents. All those who have paid their athletic fee are eligible to play. Come on out you grinds and bookworms; brush the cobwebs off your brains, by getting into as many games as is possible.

Miss Bell in Civics—Mr. Gebhard, did Adams spend much as an Ambassador.

Geb—Adam?  
Miss Bell—No Adams.

"Each man is a hero and an oracle to somebody, and to that person whatever he says has an enhanced value."—Emerson.

Beat Lowell—You can help.

## "ON PLYMOUTH ROCK" PLEASES AUDIENCE

MISS MCBRIDE AND MESSRS.  
STEGGERDA AND TE PASKE  
PLAY LEADING ROLES

Scenery and Costuming Good—Miss Bell Directs

Thursday evening last, the opera, "On Plymouth Rock," was very successfully presented in Carnegie Gymnasium under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. From every viewpoint, we may well be proud of this production. The acting was fine, and the choral work was splendid; the costumes were very fitting, the scenery suggestive. It brot to our minds with great vividness, the ways of our Pilgrim Forefathers and the joyfulness of the Thanksgiving season. The triangular love affair of Miles Standish, John Alden and Priscilla was well depicted by Morris Steggerda, Leo Te Paske and Maxine McBride. Another interesting feature was the presence of real "red men" on the stage, taking the part of Indians. These men were Messrs. Priest, White and Tebo. They gave us the real war dance. The opera was under the direction of Miss Bell of the Preparatory English Department. Much credit must be given her for the splendid manner in which everything was handled.

Just before the first scene, announcement was made to the effect that the receipts of the evening were to be donated to the Hoover Relief Fund. A very fine crowd turned out and a goodly sum of money will be sent to relieve suffering Europe.

### GIVE OUR BASKET BALL TEAM A REGULAR SEND-OFF

### VAN PUTTEN—FOOT BALL CAPTAIN

Friday noon the football squad donned the moleskins for the last time this year. Oh no, there was no game but instead the picture for the Milestone was taken. Such a commotion—who would think that Elferdink was so particular about his hair or that Cootie Kingma was so opposed to having his physiog taken with a hole in his stocking or that Montana Mike could look pleasant long enuf to have the picture taken? Mr. Lacey said that he never knew that football players could act so gentlemanly. How's that for a compliment?

Both the football picture and the pictures of the individual men will be on sale this week. If your team has meant anything to you this year you will want at least one picture of them. The price will be as reasonable as we can make it.

The election of next year's captain took place at this meeting, and the lot fell to Dyke Van Putten. In choosing Dyke we believe that the fellows made a wise selection, for we know that everybody will back him to the utmost in everything. The coach and team had an uphill road to travel this fall, but the prospects for a winning team next year look very promising. With only four senior men graduating we will have experience to start the next season. Just as a tip, watch old Hope clean up the state. Go to it Dyke, both team and student body will stand back of you and give you all the support that you'll want.

### YELL-YELL-YELL-FRIDAY NIGHT FOR THE SQUAD



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## WHAT A MAN LOSES IN GOING TO COLLEGE

In the Saturday Evening Post of November 13, there is an excellent article by E. Davenport. It has the title given above—"What a man loses in going to college." To a college man that heading sounds somewhat paradoxical. We have been in the habit of considering a college a place where we acquired something, not a place where we lost something. Nor is Mr. Davenport one of these self-made men who deem a college man a necessary evil with which all good business-men are to be eternally bothered. He is well aware of the tremendous importance of the college graduate in the national life, but he is also aware that a college education is not altogether an unmixed blessing—it has its handicaps and disadvantages as well as its good points. He wrote the article primarily for students in an effort to show them where their weaknesses lie, and by what means these weaknesses can be partially eliminated. He writes mainly from the business-man's point of view because it is from the business-man that the college graduate receives the greater part of the criticism that is his due.

After an interesting description of the influences and conditions that make the college graduate the peculiar product that he is, Mr. Davenport summarizes under six headings his major faults. They are very well chosen. Perhaps—for the author makes many reservations for self-supporting students—these criticisms are not totally applicable to a school such as Hope, yet there is that within them that speaks of the universal as far as the college world is concerned; and it would not be entirely out of place for all of us to study them and find out wherein they apply to us.

**Indifference:** "The college student is characterized by a fine and lofty indifference to everything outside his own personal affairs and the activities of his own college campus." "He ignores the daily paper as he does also standard literature except as prescribed in the course. So far as he is concerned, the world outside his immediate interests might as well not exist; he has not time for it."

**Vanity:** "Like the Mexican and the feathered Indian, this youngster wants to be seen and heard, whereas the successful man of the world moves about inconspicuously and you would never recognize him by any outward and distinguishing mark. The real world is too busy to pose and too well bred to attract attention."

**Egoism.** He is an "opinionated little cuss." He forgets that his little stock of knowledge is not at all tempered with experience, and hence, "his proclivity to advise his employer within a week as to how to run his business."

**Argument:** Figuratively he will argue with a signboard the distance and direction to the next town. Ordinarily he does not know the difference between an argument and a discussion, nor does he know how to exhaust the facts of a situation."

**Slang:** "If the student did not

require so much slang he might get on fairly well. But as it is, his stock badly shoyworn in the beginning, is used wrong side up and inside out until it is worn to a frazzle. He should use slang, of course, but he should use less of it as a substitute for thinking and it should be of vast ly better quality. He should take a day off occasionally and work up some really original stuff, remembering that the discriminating use of slang is to be ranked with the fine arts."

**Unreliability:** "He cannot be depended upon to appear on time, and in the vast majority of cases he will give up a job with the utmost sang-froid and say nothing about it to anybody."

With these faults enumerated—and he supports them with pretty good argument and example—Mr. Davenport suggest two methods for their eradication: "a frank and outspoken attitude, addressed to the student in advance of graduation, to the end that he discover antidotes for his limitations, or at least ameliorate their influence by such healthy understanding of the situation as will lead him, while yet in college, to pay some decent attention to the world he is preparing to enter—to its literature, to its thinkers and to its problems." The other method is of a different nature, yet one that is worth due consideration: "a full year of employment between the freshman and sophomore years—a certainty not later than the end of the junior year."

The article itself should be read in its entirety by every college student in America. A brief review cannot do it fitting justice. It is a frank, fearless criticism of the college product, given with the eye toward the betterment of that product, and, read in the vein in which it is written, it presents a striking inducement for the elimination of the deficiencies mentioned.

Look it over—the Saturday Evening Post for Nov. 13.

## CAMPUS NEWS

Jessie Hemmes, Jeanette Vander Ploeg, Florence and Eleanor McKelvie spent the Thanksgiving holidays on the Peet farm. We hear miraculous stories of the consumption of innumerable chickens, biscuits, and pies, exciting tales of hilarious community gatherings, and of Ford joyrides at the impossible speed of sixty miles an hour.

There were some twenty boarders at Voorhees dormitory during the Thanksgiving vacation. All others had gone to spend the holidays at home or with friends and school-mates.

Gatra Brown left last week for her home in New York City to attend the wedding of her sister.

Delegates of the Student Volunteers of Michigan met in Ann Arbor two weeks ago to organize into a state union all the volunteers of this state. Garry DeJonge went as representative of the Hope Volunteer Band.

Tony Meengs spent the Thanksgiving week-end with Windy Burggraaf in Decatur, Michigan.

Nellie De Graff, troubled with her eyes for some time, was forbidden upon consultation with Dr. Huizenga, oculist of Grand Rapids, to do any reading or writing for several weeks. She is attending classes, however, and thanks to her "friends-in-need" is keeping up with her work.

The "Sweater Girls" have begun playing indoor baseball. In spite of fact that few have played it before, they are so enthusiastic about it that those of us who are not in the race for a sweater are mighty scrry we are only on the side-lines.

Time has once more been restored to Voorhees. Our good clock, which despite the vicissitudes of dorm life, remains standing steadfastly and graciously at the east end of the reception hall, is again in running order. Anyway, the keeping of time is of small importance compared with the many valuable uses of this

clock. It is the only article of furniture in the reception room. It offers a convenient region of focal attention on the march to the dining room. It is a substantial stand-by during Social Hour. Does not such an unusually useful article of furniture deserve mention in these columns?

The "A" class had a party at the Y. W. Cottage last Friday evening. Good eats and a good time, the regular requirements of every party, were enjoyed in abundance.

Why everybody gasped with astonishment at two minutes after eight on Tuesday morning, remains an unanswered question for those who did not see Prof. Hinkamp come in and proceed to make his way, late and alone, to the Faculty seats.

We are glad to learn that Prof. Meinecke, who is this year doing work at the University of Ann Arbor will in all probability, be with us again next year. In conversation with a Hope student some weeks ago he declared, "The University has its intellectual advantages, but I miss Hope; I miss my home. It is my plan to be with you again next year." Certainly Prof. Meinecke, whose kindly influence and splendid work has meant so much to the students of Hope in the past, will be most heartily welcomed by them upon his return.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Millard Vander Meer, Hope '17, has been signed to coach the Detroit Eastern High Basket Ball team for the coming season.

Clarence Heemstra, '19, from Petoskey, attended the Older Boys' Conference in Grand Rapids last week and incidentally spent a short time at his home in Holland.

Rev. J. H. Straks, Hope '00, of Gibbsville, Wis., has accepted a charge at Maurice, Iowa.

## BEECHWOOD S. S. HOLDS PROGRAM

Following the custom that has been set up by the Sunday Schools at Pine Creek and Jenison, the teachers, scholars and parents of the Beechwood District met together last Sunday to listen to a mission program. Leo Te Paske and the Freshman Quartet kindly consented to give a few vocal selections which were greatly appreciated. However the main event of the occasion was a talk by Casey Wierenga on his work and experiences in his mission school in India during the past three years. We can certainly say that it was very instructive and interesting to both the children and their parents.

The work in this Sunday School is progressing very nicely. Starting with an attendance of twenty, the number of scholars has increased beyond forty. Although this work is fostered by the Y. M. C. A., it is personally being taken care of thru the teaching force which is composed of Everdine Kuyper, Ruth Broekema, Anthony Meengs and Delbert Kinney. It is our sincere prayer that God may continue to bless these efforts.

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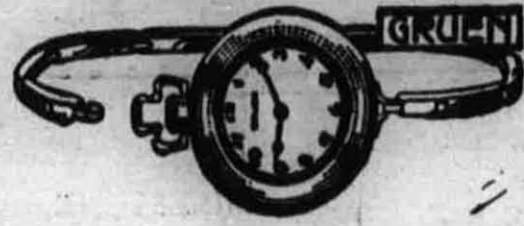
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Y. M. C. A. NOV. 29

Dyke loves the practical. He led Y. M. on Tuesday on the subject "The Promises of God." He did not stick very close to the topic, but in his short talk placed in the atmosphere that which moves hearts to take a stand for Christ. More testimonies and prayers were offered on Tuesday night than on any other one evening this year. Dyke again mentioned the fact that our opportunities at Hope are unbounded.

"Satan always gets the fellow who is letting Christ out of his life". If you have Christ you are partaking of those things He has promised. Yes, you took of them before you accepted Him, but now in a much greater measure than before you knew Him. "It is easy to worship God when everything goes our way—how about those times when God bids you to go some way you do not wish to go?"

Dyke pictured a life without Christ as an undeveloped film. When Christ comes in, the picture is developed. Satan slipping in thru the loop holes of life, entering and tempting us when we are not mindful of God's promises will ruin the picture. We must allow Christ to be the hypo, and the finisher, and his plan for our lives alone can enable us to be developed aright.

Each man at Y had a different promise. The bible is full of them from cover to cover. Rain can't keep Hope's men from Y. M., for in spite of rain for the

fifth time on a Tuesday night, we had a good crowd out. Let's bring in the fellows who don't come.

Y. M. C. A. NOV. 22

Monday night, Nov. 22, Bert Brower led Y. M. on the topic, "My cup runneth over." Bert read the twenty-third psalm as a setting for his talk, and termed its words "noble words. Although they do not possess the height of eloquence they speak of that privilege and spiritual experience which only a true Christian can realize."

"A thankful life is the greatest advertisement Christianity ever had." This is a thought we all can bear in mind for often we refrain from speaking for Christ but are we doing the very least we can—living a thankful life. "The trials of life, are they not an education for the life to come?" Victory over sin gives us new hope, and it is the joy what comes thru pain, that is really joy.

"We have to take the world the way it comes, but we don't have to leave it that way." Can we not make our hearts a dwelling place for God, it is then that we will not be letting this world go on the same, but each day the influence of a heart full of gratitude will be going out.

"Perhaps God did not intend for us to be a flower in His Kingdom, but lets not be a weed in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Bert tells us to think on the bless-

edness of tears, and there is brot to our minds the few verses in the Psalm 126. Here is a great promise, and one which will make us thankful for tears.

"Don't forget to return to your Master the love wherewith He has loved you. A true Christian must be thankful, and it cannot be otherwise. It is a test of our religious."

Y. W. C. NOTES

The Thanksgiving service of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Monday of this week. The first Thanksgiving service, three centuries ago was far different from the modern celebrations of the anniversary of that day. A small band of Pilgrims landed on the coast of Massachusetts. They were humble souls, but consecrated to do great tasks. They had a firm belief in God, rooted in the Bible and in spite of dreadful ravages of disease, which sadly depleted their numbers, and hardships, they remained firm. They believed thoroly in the education of their children. They also had a strong missionary spirit, but their narrowness and intolerance of nonconformity to their ideals often interfered with good work. Anne Hutchinson was their first medical missionary. She began her work among the Pilgrims themselves but because she differed with their beliefs on the subject of salvation, she was persecuted and then fled to Connecticut to be under the protection of Roger Williams.



## What Is Air?

**B**EFORE 1894 every chemist thought he knew what air is. "A mechanical mixture of moisture, nitrogen and oxygen, with traces of hydrogen and carbon dioxide," he would explain. There was so much oxygen and nitrogen in a given sample that he simply determined the amount of oxygen present and assumed the rest to be nitrogen.

One great English chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

Pressure will check boiling or evaporation. If the pressure within a boiler is very high, it will take more heat than ordinarily to boil the water. Would a gas under pressure prevent filaments from boiling away? If so, what gas? It must be a gas that will not combine chemically with the filament. The filament would burn in oxygen; hydrogen would conduct the heat away too rapidly. Nitrogen is a useful gas in this case. It does form a few compounds, however. Better still is argon. It forms no compounds at all.

Thus the modern, efficient, gas-filled lamp appeared, and so argon, which seemed the most useless gas in the world, found a practical application.

Discover new facts, and their practical application will take care of itself.

And the discovery of new facts is the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company.

Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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Dear Papa—

I received your letter at last. You said you lost my address and that's why I haven't heard from you for so long. Well why didn't you right to me and let me know? I would have sent it to you. When I opened your letter and started to read it I hardly recognized your voice, it was so long since I saw it. Well, Pa, I'm studying now, whenever I have time, but the Profs. don't seem to appreciate it very much. But it's better to have come here and loafed than never to have come at all. A couple of weeks ago I took an examination and got 25 in it. Last week I took it over again and got 65. Twenty-five and 65 make 90, which is a pretty good mark, I thought. But when I went to the Prof. and asked him what my standing was he told me it stood around 40. I don't see how he figures, but one of us must be wrong. I took an examination with Prof. Mathew Matics too and I got zero. But, of course, that's nothing. I'm also taking a course with Mr. Aleck Trisity. You know Pa, when I read about some of the inventions of electricity it makes me think a little. Certainly is surprising what electricity can do. The other day Miss Ann Atomy asked me where the nervous cutaneous anti brachii medialis was. Well at first I felt insulted but I thought I'd better give her an answer any way, so I told her he just stepped out for a shave, and then I looked up and realized she was talking Latin. Well, you know me, Pa,—I had two terms of Latin in the University of Oatmeal, where I also studied the dead languages and dead fish, so I thought I'd show her that I could talk Latin too and I said, "Oui, Oui Mademoiselle."

Well, it's a rosy old world. Prices are coming down and even the Athletic Association is selling some season tickets. (The way it was some Freshmen thought it was part of their tuition and paid for the fool thing.) Everything is getting cheaper. Coal has taken a tumble; sugar, potatoes, bread, rain, snow, hail, window-shades—all are coming down. You can get a good sixty dollar suit now for seventy-five and last year they used to be ninety. Last year you could get two doughnuts for a dime and this year they still cost a dime—three of them. Even board at the dorm has been reduced from \$5 to \$5.50. Everybody is more prosperous now than ever. Look at all the automobiles you see, and you don't see nearly so many poor people on the street as you used to. (Half of them have been run over and the other half don't dare to come out.) Another reason you don't see so many people on the streets, especially after dark is on account of the holdups. It's getting sompin fierce. The other night while going home somewhat later than usual I was waylaid by a masked marauder who massaged my ribs with a Colt. 38 and asked me very impolitely for my cash. But I told him that I had just been out with a coed and he handed me a five dollar bill and passed on silently.

I was reading the other day that in Russia among the Bolsheviks a man is liable to get shot if he wears a clean collar. I know a lot of guys around here that would be safe in Russia. (But speaking of collars, Pa, I've been trying to get a collar that will make me look like the fella who advertised Arrow Collars. I've got every style of collar that he displays, yet I never look as nice as he does. I've got them so tight they squeezed cider out of my Adam's apple, and so loose that I have to make a tripod out of my nose and ears to keep from falling thru; but never does my physiognomy have the same appearance of the picture. I don't know what is wrong.

You know Pa, I always used to think my old friend, Bill Pyle, was

an optimist until I saw him wearing both suspenders and a belt. Last week a feller here by the name of Fat Mentink got his laundry back with a notice attached to the night-shirt. It said, "We do not wash army tents."

The football season is over now and we are all set for basket ball. Of course we don't know what school is going to have the best basket ball team, but it's a safe bet that the Pullman Car Company has the best coach. And that's some record, ain't it Old Phonograph. Well I've got to go to play practise now so I must close. I'm taking the part of a fairy in this play. I carry 18 people across a river.

Yours till the Kows come home.  
P. X.—When I went to mail your last letter the postman said it was too heavy and that I would have to put another stamp on it. I couldn't make him understand that that would make it heavier.

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